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TO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMCONSUL LENINGRAD

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TAGS: CASC (HURT, ROBERT)

SUBJECT: MEDICAL TREATMENT IN USSR - ROBERT HURT

REF: A) LENINGRAD 1443, B) STATE 171083 AND PREVIOUS

1. ROBERT HURT HAS MADE SEVERAL CALLS TO DEPARTMENT AND HAS BEEN IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH SOVIET EMBASSY RE POSSIBLE MEDICAL TREATMENT FOR HIS CONDITION BY SOVIET NEUROSURGEONS. DESPITE NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM POLENOV INSTITUTE (REFTEL A), HE HAS FIRMLY DECIDED HE WISHES TO PURSUE MATTER AND PLANS TO TRAVEL TO USSR IN NEAR FUTURE. HE HAS BEEN ENCOURAGED BY SOVIET EMBASSY OFFICIAL WHO HAS INDICATED TO HIM (PROBABLY MISTAKENLY) THAT ALL THAT IS REQUIRED FOR MEDICAL EXAMINATION IS A WORD FROM THE US EMBASSY IN MOSCOW TO SOVIET MINISTRY OF HEALTH.

2. HURT CLAIMED HE HAD TALKED BY TELEPHONE TO COMBS IN MOSCOW WHO HAD PROMISED TO ASSIST IN PRESENTING REQUEST. HURT SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THE PROBLEMS AND THAT SOVIETS MIGHT NOT HONOR REQUEST, BUT ASKED THAT EMBASSY TRY TO ARRANGE FOR AN APPOINTMENT FOR EXAMINATION AT POLENOV INSTITUTE.

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3. IF EMBASSY AND/OR LENINGRAD BELIEVES REQUEST FOR EXAMI-

NATION COULD BE MADE, PLEASE DO SO AND INFORM DEPARTMENT.

IF NOT, PLEASE ADVISE SO THAT HURT CAN BE INFORMED. INGERSOLL

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